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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 8, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Tom Mullins, Christ Fellowship, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, it is our prayer that You will grant us wisdom today, and You will bless the Members of Congress as they lead our Nation during these challenging times. May we not forget our dependence upon You, O Mighty God. Your hand has been with us through the history of our great Nation.

As President Lincoln declared, "It is the duty of nations, as well as men, to owe their dependence upon the overwhelming power of God, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

May You continue to bless us and guide us. Be with our President and Members of Congress, our military personnel fighting in the war on terrorism. We thank You for Your strength and for Your wisdom, and we recognize today that these blessings come from You.

In Your Holy Name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAHOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2048. An act to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 2305. An act to authorize certain federal officials with responsibility for the administration of the criminal justice system of the District of Columbia to serve on and participate in the activities of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 410. An act to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

S. 2431. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that chaplains killed in the line of duty receive public safety officer death benefits.

S. Con. Res. 108. Concurrent resolution to designate May 4-12, 2002, as "National Tourism Week".

PASTOR TOM MULLINS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to introduce and welcome Senior Pastor Tom Mullins to the United States House of Representatives this morning.

Senior Pastor Mullins is the founder of Christ Fellowship, an evangelical 14,000-member church in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. This nondenominational evangelical Christian church has grown from about 140 people to 14,000 people under Pastor Mullins' guidance.

Pastor Mullins left a successful career as a football coach and athletic director to start the church. He was a well-respected coach at Palm Beach Gardens High School in the 1970s and at Georgetown College in Kentucky before becoming athletic director at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth. He started the church in 1984 while still working at the college, and has been there ever since.

In addition, Pastor Mullins and his wife, Donna, who joins us today in the gallery with their daughter, Noelle, are the founders of the Place of Hope International, which sends food and clothing around the world, from Peru to India. They work locally in our County of Palm Beach distributing food baskets to the poor and sending thousands of gifts during the holiday season to people in need.

A well-respected member of our community, Pastor Mullins is an advocate for citizen involvement in the political process, for being good stewards of our Nation's heritage, and a strong supporter of President Bush's faith-based initiative.

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